(5) Towards the cost of carriage of Bee-hives for demonstration purposes	24	11	0
Cash recovery under this head last year	62	9	0

Works in the P. W. D. not given to the lowest tenderers.

228. **Mr. C. A. Kunjunni Raja.**—Will the Government be pleased to place on the table a list of works above Rs. 1,000 not given to the lowest tenderers by the Public Works Department in 1105 showing the names of the work, estimate amount, names of the persons who submitted the tenders with their rates and the names of those whose tenders were accepted;

(b) to state the reason for not accepting the lowest tender in each case ?

Mr. V. K. Aravindaksha Menon.—A copy of the tender register showing the particulars required is placed on the Council table.

(a) The reasons for not accepting the lowest tender are:—

1. Inexperience of the tenderers in doing the class of work in question.
2. The tenderers having already many works on hand.
3. Undesirable past performances.

Repair of roads.

229. **Mr. Thomas Manjuran.**—Will the Government be pleased to state.—

have the main roads of the State been fully repaired during the year 1105; if not, why not; what percentage of the main roads has been repaired; what is the total length of the main roads of the State?

Mr. V. K. Aravindaksha Menon.—No classification of roads as main roads has been made. The Public Works Department maintains 418 miles, 3 furlongs and 81 yards. Of these 783 furlongs were renewed in 1930. The rest were maintained. The Panchayats Department maintains 41 miles of important roads. Of these 19 miles were completely repaired in 1105. 8 miles were in good condition and so required no repairs. The remainder were repaired so far as funds permitted.

Mr. Thomas Manjuran.—I cannot fully understand the answer. Am I to understand that all the roads excepting that were re-made, were repaired last year?

Mr. V. K. Aravindaksha Menon.—Only ordinary maintenance, not complete renewal.

Mr. Thomas Manjuran.—May I know if, during the time of Mr. Krishnan Nayar, the Chief Engineer, there was not a plan in the State by which within a period of three or four

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years all the roads would be completely renewed? If so, is not the plan being followed or is any other plan being followed or is there only haphazard maintenance?

Mr. V. K. Aravindaksha Menon.—The plan now followed is, we have classified the roads under different categories of which we have got a certain number of furlongs requiring compulsory renewal. That programme has been followed.

Mr. Thomas Manjuran.— Is that based upon any percentage?

Mr. V. K. Aravindaksha Menon.—It comes under certain percentage, some roads in four years.

Mr. Thomas Manjuran.—What percentage?

Mr. V. K. Aravindaksha Menon.—Once in five years or 20 per cent.

Bridge between Karupadanna and Cranganur.

230 Mr. V. Achyuta Menon.—Will the Government be pleased to state.—

(a) whether there was not a proposal during the Diwanship of Mr. P. Narayana Menon or his predecessor to connect Karupadanna with Pulloot and Pulloot with Cranganur by bridges so that one could go on foot from Karupadanna to Cranganur;

(b) if there was, what became of it;

(c) whether the Government has given up the idea once for all;

(d) if it has not, what steps have been taken to give effect to the said proposal?

Mr. V. K. Aravindaksha Menon.—(a) There were no definite proposals. The question was being considered.

(b) Government have improved the Pulloot road.

(c) and (d). Government are considering the question. Investigation of all possible means of connection has been ordered to be conducted.

Mr. V. Achyuta Menon.—May I know at what stage the question of connecting Karupadanna and Cranganur is?

Mr. V. K. Aravindaksha Menon.—The question of connecting Karupadanna with Pullut and Pullut with Cranganur is being considered.

Bus-stand—Irinjalakkuda.

231. Mr. V. Achyuta Menon.—Will the Government be pleased to state.—

(a) whether Government proposes to have a bus-stand in the plot of ground immediately south of the newly-built Industrial School at Irinjalakuda;

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